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**CHICAGO MAN ARRESTED FOR ALLEGEDLY BEING AN ACCESSORY  
TO A DRUG FACILITATED MURDER**

United States Attorney Paul I. Perez, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Special Agent in Charge Mark R. Trouville, Mark Ober State Attorney for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, Tampa Police Chief Stephen Hogue, and Hillsborough County Sheriff David Gee announced the arrest today of Scott Paul Schweickert, DOB: 8/10/65, on a complaint that charges him as an accessory after the fact related to a drug facilitated crime of violence, contrary to the provisions of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3, and Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(7). If convicted, Schweickert faces 10 years' imprisonment. Schweickert made his initial appearance today at 2 p.m. before United States Magistrate Judge Elizabeth A. Jenkins. At that time he chose to waive his detention hearing and he will remain in custody.

On February 15, 2005, a Federal Grand Jury sitting in the Middle District of Florida, returned a superseding indictment, charging Steven Lorenzo, DOB: 1/22/59, of Tampa, with seven counts of drug facilitated crimes of violence, contrary to the provisions of Title

21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(7). Lorenzo is currently detained and scheduled for trial in October 2005. If convicted, Lorenzo faces a maximum term of 20 years' imprisonment as to each count.

This investigation was conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Tampa Police Department, and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Also assisting was the State Attorney's Office for the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Anthony Porcelli.

A complaint or indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.

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